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TWO COUNTRIES — While one European nation is combatting anti-Semitism another seems to be in the throes of accepting it as these two photos indicate. At top, Germans are demonstrating with a Mogen David at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate shamed by the Passover eve synagogue bombing in Lubeck. Below are Russians displaying the Nazi salute in Moscow near the South African embassy in support of whites in that country.



'Schindler' up to \$175 M.; profits to be contributed

HOLLYWOOD — With or without the showing of "Schindler's List" in Arab nations, the film already has grossed \$175 million, and "Holocaust causes" will be receiving a gift of several hundred million dollars. The film cost \$23 million to produce and all profits will be donated to projects involved in the Holocaust.

Universal Pictures said it will not screen the picture in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan as well as India. Meanwhile Malaysia has reversed its ban while demanding seven cuts to eliminate violence and nudity.

Indonesia, the world's largest Islamic nation, has scheduled the opening of the movie although the censor has not made his final decision.

In the Philippines the censor demanded elimination of all sex and nudity but President Ramos reversed the ban.

Jordan has banned the showing of the movie.

Muhammad not penitent, adds rabbis to his list

CINCINNATI — The large attendance of 450 at the speech by Khalid Abdul Muhammad heard him challenge anyone to disprove the accusations he has made against Jews.

"Bring us your best rabbis, your best scholars and your best minds," he challenged to refute his earlier statements regarding Jewish responsibility for black slavery in the U.S. He made the same challenge on his statement that Jews control the media and the financial markets of the country.

He admonished the Jewish community for not responding "with moral outrage" to the deed of Dr. Baruch Goldstein. He termed the "no good, unkosher, raggedy rabbis" who supported Goldstein and asked, "Where the hell are the good Jews condemning the bad Jews?"

Muhammad repeated his claim that the blacks "are the fathers and mothers of civilization."

The sponsors of Muhammad's talk, the "Destination of the Diaspora," charged that the Jewish community in general and the Jewish Community Relations Council executive director, Dr. Michael Rapp, had been "attempting to stop this historic presentation."

City aroused at shooting of temple by 2 skinheads

EUGENE, Ore. — The entire community breathed a sigh of relief as police took into custody two Skinheads for taking shots at Temple Beth Israel.

Christopher Bentrice Lord, 20, and George Dennis Smith Jr., 20, were charged with first degree intimidation, unlawful use of a weapon and first degree criminal mischief. A charge of being a felon in possession of a weapon was added to Smith's list.

The actual damage was minimum, but the bullets went through two stained glass windows, through the gift shop, and through the sanctuary and out another window into the central courtyard.

What was remarkable about the incident was the way the entire community responded.

Local Christian leaders held vigils at the synagogue from

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BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Memo to Parties With Pizazz
Send this week's bouquet to:

Faye Henning

This week's bouquet goes to Fay M. Henning.

Henning, 51, is a valued volunteer at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, United Way and Community Centers of Indianapolis Inc.

She is president of the board of Community Centers of Indianapolis. She was on the planning committee that recommended the creation of CCI, one of only nine such organizations in the country. CCI is a federation of 14 multi-service centers and a central transportation unit providing the widest range of social services to individuals and families in need of any local United Way agency.

Originally from a Lutheran background, Henning came to Indianapolis in 1970. She is a Jew By Choice who converted, friends say, because she was attracted both by the principles of Judaism and the camaraderie she found among people in the Jewish community here.

She is president and managing consultant of HRM Group, a her own human resources consulting firm, and has used her expertise in that field to the benefit of her volunteer efforts.



Faye M. Henning

IHC President Wayne Kreischer praises her for devising a pension program for employees of the temple. She is a past vice president of IHC and a member of its search committee seeking a new senior rabbi.

Henning is an advocate of women's rights, and not a passive one. She has put her own body on the line to escort women into an abortion clinic past crowds of harassers. Regardless of whether one approves of abortion, she maintains, women have a right to their own choices about their own bodies.

Search begins for new rabbi

Officials at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation have set in motion the machinery for seeking a replacement for Rabbi Jonathan Stein.

Stein has accepted a position with a congregation in San Diego and will resign his IHC position as senior rabbi, effective July 1.

IHC has a search committee in place and has planned a series of meetings to which the entire congregation is invited, where people can speak their wishes on what sort of person they want as a successor to Rabbi Stein. The first such "all-Temple" meeting will be Thursday night, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Stein will be there to talk about his departure and answer questions.

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LETTERS

Writer seeks info on DP show

Dear Editor,

For an article on American Jewish radio broadcasts on Jewish Displaced Persons (DP's), I would appreciate hearing from anyone who was involved in the production of radio programs sponsored by the United Service for New Americans, the Joint Distribution Committee, HIAS, or other organizations from 1945-54, as well as from Jewish DP's who appeared in the shows.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

IHC, 7:30 p.m. all-Temple meeting on departure of Rabbi Stein and search for a new senior rabbi.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

JCC 4 p.m. +40 Singles movie & pizza
JCC 7:30 p.m. Children's Theater, "How To Eat Like a Child."

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Junior NCSY group meets at B'nai Torah, 3:30 p.m. to watch a video and have snacks.

JCC — Children's Theater, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. "How To Eat Like a Child."

JCC — Federation Young Leadership meeting, 9-11.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

BJE Library luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., contact: Debbie Maxwell, 255-3124.

Planned Parenthood's Religion and Sexuality Workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50 per person at IHC.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Rabbis Speak II "Young Children Ask About God," Rabbis Crandall, Sandy Sasso, Jonathan Stein, 7:30 p.m. at Hebrew Academy Museum.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

JCC — NCJW Candidate Forum, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

JCC Board of Directors meets 7 p.m.

JCC — Jewish War Veterans meet, 7:30 p.m., contact: Philip Smith, 251-4398.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Senior NCSY group meets at B'nai Torah, 3:30 p.m. to watch a video and have snacks.

Beth-El board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

JCC — noon, + Singles Brunch

12 n-5 p.m., ORT Arts & Crafts Show, contact: Shawn Cabaro, 571-9078.

4-6 p.m. Federation Golden Givers Reception, Ritz Charles

4 p.m. -40 Singles, miniature golf.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

JCC East meets West meeting, Contact Penny Rosenthal.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 p.m. Indianapolis Hadassah Board

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

5:30 p.m. Lag B'Omer, Holliday Park. Contact: Lubavitch of Indiana Rabbi Avi Grossbaum

FRIDAY, APRIL 29-SUNDAY, MAY 1

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Weisz lauds 'art of survival'

Peter Weisz, a son of Holocaust survivors Zoltan and Gisela Weisz, spoke at the community's Holocaust memorial observance Thursday, April 7, about the meaning of survival.

Weisz noted that most survivors lived through the Nazi terror only by luck and that "by and large, survival was a simple lottery that most European Jews ended up losing."

He asked the gathering at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation to consider what was meant by the event's theme of "Surviving the Survivors."

"What does it matter if anything endures of the survivors' legacy if after all, they were simply selected by happenstance?" he said.

Weisz said it is what the survivors—burdened by irreplaceable losses and horrible memories and shamed by their helplessness to save their loved ones—have done beyond just staying alive that

sets them apart from survivors of random accidents.

"This then became the true art of survival. The craft of creating and rebuilding a a devastated life permitting one not merely to survive, but more fully to live. And to live as a Jew." He praised the survivors who have overcome their pain to speak publicly about their experiences so that others will understand and remember.

"And they grasp, as we all

should, that in a larger sense, all of Judaism is a survivor. And they find the true meaning of their personal survival through their efforts to insure the survival of the Jewish people.

"It is this concept that one hopes will survive the survivors. This is the legacy that must endure. Not the image of the Jew as victim. But rather as the practitioner of the ennobling and uplifting art of survival."

3 rabbis to teach basics

Local rabbis representing three of the major movements within Judaism will join in a discussion at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday titled "Young Children Ask About God: The Jewish Perspective."

Meeting at the Hebrew Academy Museum will be Rabbis Shlomo Crandall of

Congregation B'nai Torah, Sandy Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Jonathan Stein of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

There also will be teachers of the Hebrew Academy on hand to answer parents' questions.

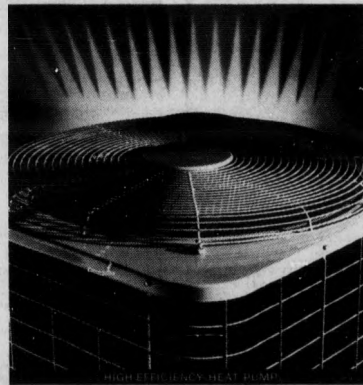
15 candidates may attend forum

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The forum will be at the Center at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 20.

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Visitor says Kiryat Arba settlers feel safe

By GISELA WEISZ

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"TO BE, OR NOT TO BE": Lea Frankovitz went to Kiryat Arba, Israel on March 13, to



visit her daughter, Mona, Mona's husband, Rafi Blumberg, and their children, Zevi, Yonathan and 3-month-old Tzipora, for the Passover holiday.

One week into the visit, the

family left the religious community on the West Bank, to visit Jerusalem. When they returned home from the visit, about 3:30 p.m., the Blumbergs and Lea entered their home as shells blasted around them. They heard intermittent shootings the entire afternoon and evening till the next morning. During the night parts of the sky became bright as high noon, because the Israeli army shoot flares up high, to look for the attacking terrorists, Lea said. Finally the next morning the announcement came. The four Arab terrorists who wounded a number of Israelis and intended to kill more Jewish citizens got caught and were killed by the Israeli army.

When I asked Lea whether the population is worried or frightened, she said: "Not at all; they do feel safe there." Lea also said that the Israeli government looks after its citizens very well.

SEDER: Sally and Jack Cotlar with their children spent the Passover holiday in Houston, Texas, with Cotlar relatives.

PULL FOR THE SHUL: There will be a Silent Auction at the Shaarey Tefilla synagogue on April 23 at 8:00 p.m. Crystal vases, gift certificates, bicycles and other valuable items will be auctioned.

BOTH CAME FROM INDIANA: Dr. David M. Silver, Professor and Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Butler University, has been invited to attend meetings of the United States Supreme Court Historical Society in Washington during March, April and May.

The meetings will focus on the Supreme Court during the Lincoln period. Dr. Silver has

attended the first session of these series on March 30, where Justice Sandra Day O'Connor presided.

Other justices of the Supreme Court will preside over future meetings. Dr. Silver is an expert on the role of the Supreme Court during the Civil War.

He is the author of a book titled *Lincoln's Supreme Court* and he has published several articles in the past on he same subject. Congratulations!

COLOR & SHAPE: During the month of April, in Susie Beiman's store, DETAILS, four ceramic artists will display their work for view and for sale. They also take orders for custom made items. The participating artists are Sherry Steinway, Florida; Larry Watson, Kentucky; Debbie Bynum, Arkansas; and Jonathan Kaplan, Colorado. DETAILS is in North Willow Commons, 1516 West 86th Street.

CALLING ALL SENIORS: In conjunction with "A Festival of Israeli Art," May 7 and 8, a Senior Art Competition was called at Temple Beth-El. Entries for the competition have

to be submitted by April 22.

Categories are in painting, sculpture, ceramics, calligraphy, photography and other media.

PAST AND FUTURE: Beth-El Zedek High School Seminar students, 26 of them, accompanied by Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso spent two days in Washington, D.C. During this visit they saw the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Religious Action Center, the Air and Space Museum and took in a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. They also met with Sen. Richard Lugar.

Participating in this tour were Emily Borns, Carrie Brodey, Amie Celender, Adam Davis, Ryan Dorman, Jeremy Edesess, Robbie Edesess, Briton Frank, Tracie Glanzman, Lee Goldfarb, Lori Halperin, Bari Hanish, Steve Hoffman, Scott Jacobson, Greg Maurer, Jon Paul, Jason Rich, Adam Rubenstein, Michael Rudy, David Sasso, Gabi Schuchman, Lindsay Smith, Rachel Steinkeler, Ben Tobe, Kevin Vernick and Allison Wittman.

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New theater presents local work

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

A new community theater, the Channing Street Players, opened with a very ambitious production of an original work by David Truax. The



three-act drama with music added was presented by the Fine Arts Committee at the All Souls Unitarian Church on East 56th St.

The organization should be commended for presenting an original work by a local playwright with music by a local composer, Liz Efromymson.

Acorns is a story about Quakers who own some land that a company wants to buy to build a factory that supplies parts for the H-bomb. The action is set in a fictional Ohio city in 1949.

Because this is the first production by this new group, you will find community theater at its basics. The actors were hampered by not having a crossover behind the set. Most of the actors seemed to be talking to themselves instead of their fellow performers on stage. There was no eye contact. In fact, the leading lady had a habit of keeping her eyes shut every time she said a

line. This was most disconcerting.

Whoever did the make-up had a fetish for pink cheeks. Some actors looked as if they were burned. The make-up was grossly overdone. However, the many acting flaws can be overlooked through the enthusiasm of the amateur cast. They should continue their theatrical endeavors with zest, showing improvement with each production.

The script of *Acorns* was long and rambling, changing focus at will. At first, the plot for selling the land to buy a new furnace for the church was prominent. There was conflict among parishioners. Writer Truax demonstrated that even "Friends" don't get along.

Emphasis kept changing. Soon we were mesmerized by the growing up of three adolescents. The lectures continued into a family where a husband gets drunk and beats his wife. At the end of Act II there is a fire. Why? Was it arson? The object of having a fire was never explained.

Act III opened with a funeral. The audience pondered for a while who was in the casket. Why he died was never offered. So what was the point of the fire? For what purpose of the plot did this character die?

Acorns is lengthy and didn't need its music. The first two acts lasted two hours. The curtain calls started at 10:40 for a show that began at 8. The

script seems easy enough to streamline and tighten just by cutting extraneous scenes. However, perhaps Truax had too many stories to tell. He tried to fit them into the one conflict of existing with the H-bomb, progress and even the telephone.

Truax wrote some very funny lines. Some of them came in some very strange places. In one instance, a comical tidbit introduced the horrors of Pearl Harbor.

What was extremely interesting was the original music by Liz Efromymson. Her interludes helped the scene changes and her songs were most effective. None of the acting corps sang. The singing was done by an on-stage and in-the-audience chorus.

One strange but wonderful bit of casting was putting the Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Clear, All Souls' minister, in the role of the villain, the one who wants to buy the land to build his munitions factory. Not only did Clear have magnificent stage presence, he got many laughs. Our hats are off to you.

Acorns needs a lot of pruning and could prove to be a catalyst for the aspiring Truax if he narrows his focus.



Search

Continued from page 2
Congregation President Wayne Kreuscher said. There also will be presentations on the plans for the search and interim rabbinic services.

Kreuscher has appointed a search committee co-chaired by President-Elect Michael Blickman and June Herman, a past president. Kreuschersaid there already has been communication with the Rabbinical Placement Commission of the Union of American He-

brew Congregations and with the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Other members of the search committee are:

Art Barrett, Andrea Cohen, Larry Cohen, Joanne Engelberg, Fay Henning, Steve Jacobs, Sonja Kantor, Kreuscher, Andrea Pactor, Jon Pryweller, Pam Rappaport, Charles Redish, Gary Schahet, Julie Shecter, Caryl Shideler and Gary Vigran.

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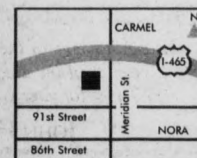
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(from left) Jenny Kruger, Sara Reeves and Brittany Ryan in *How to Eat Like a Child* at JCC.

Kids' musical due at JCC

Adults looking for their inner child may want to talk to their shrink with their mouths full after seeing *How To Eat Like a Child*, a musical presented April 16 and 17 at the Jewish Community Center.

Artistic director and choreographer Terry Schildcrout and musical director Laura Enker gathered performers ranging from grades five through 10 for the show.

The musical comedy by Delia Ephron opens Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Additional shows will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for patrons, \$3 for other adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

Musical instructions in how to play with food and plague particular parents will be given by the cast members: Marlowe and Piaget Ben-Ami, Deanna Davis, Shayna Gordon, Elyse Hershenon, Jenny Kruger, Tammy Nadler, Kira Peters, Amy Provisor, Sara Reeves, Aliyah Rudoff, Brittany Ryan, Mickey Seidenstein and Christina Williams.



5. Four girls and a boa shown in *How to Eat Like a Child*, (clockwise from top) Sara Reeves, Aliyah Rudoff, Brittany Ryan, Jenny Kruger.



A dozen of the cast members of *How to Eat Like a Child* serving up song at JCC. They are: (l-r by rows, from top) Jenny Kruger, Christina Williams, Kira Peters, Amy Provisor; Shayna Gordon, Elyse Hershenon, Marlowe Ben-Ami, Aliyah Rudoff; Piaget Ben-Ami, Deanna Davis, Sara Reeves, Brittany Ryan.

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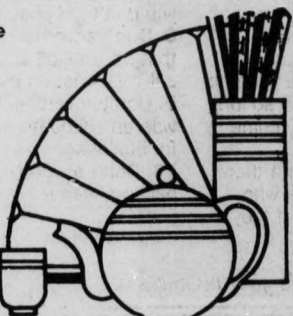
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Jesse Jackson

The Jewish community should try to understand the motive of Jesse Jackson in participating in the 30th anniversary celebration of the PLO, even though the timing was not at all propitious. Had Yasir Arafat expressed any sympathy for the deaths of the eight Israelis, victims of the bombing of a passenger bus at Afula, even then Jackson's visit was almost certain to disturb the Jewish community.

The black leader finds himself at a dead end. The show has been taken over by the Nation of Islam, and all that Mr. Jackson can claim is that once he was a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

The text of the speech Mr. Jackson must have made at the PLO celebration will be made public at one point or another, it can be assumed, and until then he will be criticized nevertheless. Obviously though he was not "invited" to criticize the PLO. Yet we would give him the benefit of the doubt. He has to follow his own destiny and only in that way will he have fulfilled his goals whatever they may be.

Those Jewish leaders who have criticized him were well within their rights. This could be a case where both were right, but that remains to be seen.

A level paying field

There was a time not so long ago when Jews dominated in basketball, both professional and amateur, and now the Blacks have taken over. This conspiratorial domination is clearly anti-Semitic and must not be permitted to go unchallenged.

Basketball was a sport for the Jews to whom it was a means of asserting Jewish acceptance, but to Blacks it is a matter of acquiring money, for otherwise there would not be this distressing percentage of Black basketball players who fail to graduate from universities.

This is a matter for the Anti-Defamation League to pursue. Perhaps a limit on the number of Blacks who can participate in the sport should be considered. Perhaps this could be accomplished by not seeming to be anti-Black by requiring higher grades from the Black players than are required from the whites. Another method would be to limit the number of players on any one team who could be over 6 feet tall, since Jewish players normally are not that tall.

One way or another the playing field must be levelled so that Jewish players once again will have the opportunity to compete on the university teams where they are enrolled.

The Black players are not taking over honestly. They practice longer and harder, and the chances are that they introduced the slam dunk into what was a game of finesse.

Also the Blacks seem to have waited until the pros were earning in the thousands of dollars a game while the Jewish players got only a pittance for their performances 20 and 30 years ago.

EDITOR'S CHAIR

It is not too often that the Jewish community or some agency or organization of it honors the publisher of the local Jewish newspaper, so when the Jewish National Fund paid tribute to Jeanne and Joe Samuels of Houston's Jewish Herald-Voice that is news. We know the Samuels and have been a guest in their home and if any Jewish publisher(s) deserved the honor they received then somebody is being overlooked.

Their paper reflects the characters of the publishers, and while it is not the New York Times, it does a commendable job of representing one of the fine Jewish communities in America.

Jeanne and Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year, and they have been publishing The Herald-Voice for 21 years and have no plans to retire.

A development which hasn't attracted any notice but which The P-O more than any other publication is in a better way to recognize is the increasing attention being paid by congregations to the bulletins which they publish. Many have been enlarged in recent months and many are excellent examples of fine journalism.

This is a good development. Obviously the bulletins are well read and that is so because they usually are full of names of people the members are close to. In addition since most members of most congregations do not attend

the congregations' services except on special occasions, the rabbi's message can be most helpful. In some of the bulletins, the president also provides a message and often the education director as well. In that connection we might recommend a teen column also.

Some of the bulletins contain advertising which helps to absorb their cost and at the same time make possible additional pages of news items.

We at the P-O read many bulletins — they are a good source of news — and the best scoop we ever made came as the result of an obituary we read in one of them. (That was the time during World War II when Chaplain Goode, holding hands with a Protestant and Catholic chaplain, went down with the S.S. Dorchester during World War II).

We picked this up from The Jewish Chronicle of London, so see if you comprehend it.

You've all heard the story of the Irish maid who could not get over the ways of her Jewish employers.

"They're an odd lot," she complained. "On Saturdays, they eat in the house and smoke in the bathroom. On Tisha B'Av, they smoke in the house and eat in the bathroom. And, on Yom Kippur, they smoke and eat in the bathroom."

Unity Day speaker is Imam Abdullah

YOUNGSTOWN, Oh. — Imam Yahya Abdullah, Dallas Masjid of Al-Islam, delivered a talk on the subject, "Teaching Common Values in a Multi-Cultural Society" at the annual Interfaith Unity Day at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, Diocese of Youngstown, Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, Youngstown Masjid of Islam and the Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown.

Provisions made for the disabled

JERUSALEM — Violinist Itzhak Perlman, who walks with braces and crutches as a result of childhood polio but has thrilled audiences the world over with his brilliant playing, now is able to explore the Old City of Jerusalem and the Western Wall tunnels.

A tunnel access project initiated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was inaugurated by Perlman and dozens of young

disabled Israelis in a formal ceremony. A substantial part of the funding was supplied by Larry and Leonore Zusman of Dayton.

Within a year the disabled are expected to be able to traverse the Cardo, a Roman street that has been excavated, the Burnt House Museum, the Herodian Palaces and the Sephardic Synagogues as provision is made for their entrance.

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Israel moves to limit terrorist recurrence

JERUSALEM — While the PLO is taking over in Gaza and Jericho, Israel has decided on stern measures following the terrorist bombing in Afula which took eight Israeli lives.

The government has sealed off the territories without setting a cut-off date and at the same time announced that it would be importing thousands of workers from Europe to take over the jobs, mostly in agriculture, now held by Palestinians.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni criticized the decision. "They are human beings," she said. "They have families. They have to work. They have to feed their children. And we know that the terrorists are people who can come in even if we will have a closure."

The addition of the 15,000 construction workers from Romania and Bulgaria and the 3,200 farmhands from Thailand and Turkey will increase the total of foreign workers in Israel to more than 35,000. Also the number of Palestinians working in Israel proper has been reduced from 120,000 previously to only 60,000 currently.

Arafat is the loser as mouth stays shut

JERUSALEM — The refusal of Yasir Arafat to openly condemn the bloody terrorist attack on innocent civilians in Afula will not easily be forgotten, not only by Israel but by the nations of the world.

The deaths of eight Israelis, who, except for the bus driver, were school children, has caused revulsion in the world's capitals as of course in Israel.

Taking credit was the Hamas which at the same time indicated that the eight Israelis who died were not the full payment for the 30 Arabs who died in the carnage at Hebron.

The outrage provided fuel for those who oppose Israel's current moves in the peace negotiations. Americans for a Safe Israel said the attack was a declaration of war on the State of Israel by Hamas and called on the Prime Minister to "immediately halt negotiations and alert Israel's citizens to the immediate danger."

Black paper bombed, Jews 'responsible'

CINCINNATI — The Jewish Community Relations Council, the American Jewish Committee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews joined with the NAACP and the Urban League in an advertisement in The Cincinnati Enquirer asking that the community "not let bigotry unravel the unique pluralistic fabric of cooperation and understanding that has been the genius of America" following the bombing of

the black community newspaper, the Cincinnati Herald.

Several telephone calls to the paper made threats over a column in it questioning why blacks embrace Islam.

According to Alan Katchen, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, the "word on the street" has been that "the Jews" were responsible for the attack on the Herald, according to The American Israelite here.

2 organizations to change names

NEW YORK — While the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is requesting suggestions from members for a new name, B'nai B'rith Women are going through the same process.

In the case of the UAH, the point has been made by

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, its president, that its title includes neither the word "Jewish" nor "Reform," while in the case of the B.B. Women, they are divorcing themselves from the B'nai B'rith.

Jackson hails PLO on 30th

JERUSALEM — The PLO could claim some sort of victory in two ways on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. One was that Jesse Jackson was the principal speaker

and the other that despite orders from the military, the celebration took place in this city instead of East Jerusalem.



— Jewish Chronicle photo
Mary Fisher

Mary Fisher speaks for AIDS awareness

PITTSBURGH — Feature speaker at the AIDS Awareness Weekend at Temple Sinai here April 22-24 will be Mary Davis Fisher who bared her soul at the 1992 Republican National Convention, telling the world that she had been diagnosed with the HIV virus a year earlier. She is the founder of the Family AIDS network, Inc. a Washington-based non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the

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Apologies are offered to Temple and Reform

MEMPHIS — Apologies were offered by the Memphis Jewish Federation, the Hebrew Watchman, the local Jewish weekly, the Jewish Family Service and Menorah for an article in English and Russian whose "tone and content insulted all Jews in the community and especially members of Temple Israel."

The Open Letter to the Jewish community in The Watchman stated "clearly that members of Temple Israel are important contributors to all facets of Jewish life in Memphis and to the Jewish Family Service and the Memphis Jewish Federation in particular."

The apology then related that the Reform Movement is a vibrant part of American Jewish life and an important contributor to the growth, richness and continuity of our people."

The open letter in the paper did not state what the false accusations were, although the apology clearly indicates their general content.

The Menorah page in the Watchman is published monthly as a service for the New American community and is funded by the Federation.

Rabbi's son is Times editor

NEW YORK — The son of a rabbi will take over the top editorial post at the New York Times as Joseph Lelyveld, the present managing editor, becomes executive editor. His father is Arthur J. Lelyveld, rabbi emeritus of Fairmount Tem-

ple in Cleveland. Lelyveld succeeds Max Frankel, who has held the post for eight years.

Mr. Lelyveld, 57, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, has been a foreign correspondent, columnist and editor in 32 years with The Times.

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The rabbi observed his bar mitzvah

EUCLID, Oh. — There was probably the largest attendance ever at a bar mitzvah at Temple Ner Tamid and who do you think it was that said "Today I am a man?"

None other than Rabbi Bruce Abrams, who in his youth had missed the opportunity. The Cleveland Jewish News, which reported the occasion, did not mention why Rabbi Abrams had not been bar mitzvah when he was 13 years old, but the assumption is that in Reform congregations of the day, confirmation superseded the "Orthodox" ceremony.

Area clergymen participated on the pulpit including Rabbi Abrams' father-in-law, the Rev. John Townsend. Politicians also were on hand and there was a message of congratulations from President Clinton.

Germans at VE Day in London ires Jews

LONDON — The invitation to veterans of the Third Reich to participate in the 50th anniversary of V-E Day in London has led the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, known as Ajax, to threaten a boycott.

Harry Shepherd, national vice-chairman, called the invitation, which was issued by Prime Minister John Major, "an insult to those ex-servicemen and women, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who laid down their lives fighting German soldiers, some of whom perpetrated the vilest acts against not only their own citizens but peoples of those countries they invaded."

The Germans are expected to be allowed to wear their uniforms and campaign medals through the streets of the city followed by a service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

For the celebration of the 50th anniversary of D-day by Western leaders in Normandy Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has not been invited.

Marcus L. Aaron dies in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH — Marcus Lester Aaron, who served on the board of governors of Hebrew Union College and was president of Rodef Shalom

Congregation, died at the age of 93. He was president of the Homer Laughlin China Co., Newell, WV for 48 years.

Abe 'Honey' Donsky, Texas leader, dies

HOUSTON — Abe "Honey" Donsky, 82, self-made businessman, community leader and philanthropist, died after a seven-year battle with illness. He was the recipient of the

Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the David H. White Memorial Humanitarian Award, among others.

Goody Rosen, 81, of Dodgers, Giants

TORONTO — Goody Rosen, who played outfield for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants in the 1930's and 40's, died here at the age of 81. He had a ca-

reer batting average of .291 for 551 games, including a .325 mark with Brooklyn in 1945 when he finished third in the National League.

Euclid's mayor, David Lynch, was in magnificent voice when he rendered a liturgical number.

Violet Spevack, reporting in The Cleveland Jewish News, noted that Rabbi Abrams impulsively embraced everyone, bear-hugged and kissed not only everyone on the bima but everyone in sight.

The number 13 did have significance that night, it was the rabbi's 13th year of service to the congregation.

Only in the past several weeks the rabbi had participated in a worship service with Imam Clyde Rahman at the mosque, Masjid Bilal at the close of the Muslim holiday of Ramadan and also had played the role of the rabbi in the Laurel School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Jackson asked to cancel visit

NEW YORK — Although Jesse Jackson has had a standing invitation to visit Israel for at least for several years now, it had requested that he cancel his visit to participate in the 30th anniversary of the PLO. Ha'aretz, the Israel morning daily, reported that Israel had warned that a Jackson visit at such a delicate and volatile time could lead to disturbances.

Also, Ha'aretz reported that Jackson refused to explicitly condemn the Afula massacre.

Morton A. Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that he was "troubled that Rev. Jackson went to Israel to take part in celebrations to mark the founding of the PLO when it was founded with the declared purpose of annihilating the state of Israel."

Holocaust denial a German offense

BERLIN — The ruling by the Federal Court of Justice that repeating denials of others that the Holocaust ever occurred is not in itself a punishable offense has led the Social Democratic Party to seek legislation to make such assertions a crime. The Federation of Jewish Communities in Germany had already called for this change in the law.

Parents' hope of finding daughter's body is slim

LOUISVILLE — A Jewish family's heartbreak over inability to locate the body of their daughter who disappeared 11 years ago and for whose murder a death-cell inmate of a Texas jail has confessed seems never ending.

Anatoly and Lyudmila Gotlib, the parents of Ann Gotlib, an 85-pound sixth-grader who disappeared on June 1, 1983, now have been able to persuade the confessed murderer, Michael Lee Lockhart, to provide a map of the location of the body he buried at Fort Knox, Ky., where he was stationed at the time. Lockhart already faced three death sentences when he "confessed" in 1990 to the murder.

The area at Fort Knox was searched extensively but the effort by more than 15 people with shovels and aided by a bulldozer turned up nothing.

Now the Gotlibs have persuaded Lockhart to mark the location of the burial on a topographic map. Law enforcement agencies believe he is lying and want to question him again but he is refusing to talk to the FBI.

The Gotlibs held a press conference claiming that Fort Knox officials won't allow Child Connection Inc. to search for Ann's body, according to a news account in the Louisville Courier-Journal. Fort Knox officials were quoted as stating that they had not been contacted by the Gotlibs.

Mr. Gotlib said the pain of Ann's disappearance has never subsided. "We want this to be over," he said, "so that my family can have the closure that we deserve."

FBI spokesman Bill Cheek said "this is a case that has had national attention focused on it several times and had produced a number of leads, all of which have been pursued."

Parents, children apart at Center sex seminar

KENDALL, Fla. — While their parents were in another session on the other side of the Jewish Community Center campus participating in a sex seminar, approximately 60 teens at the Dave and Mary Jewish Community Center spent hours talking about condoms and AIDS and orgasms and intercourse. The teens, representing youth groups across South Dade, were introduced to Petra Jason, whose hemophilic son died of AIDS. Then Dr. Marilyn Volker, sexologist, talked about safe sex and sex practices.

"Drugs and alcohol can affect the brain, so you want to be sure you keep your body safe," she said. "I don't want you to be afraid about sex. I don't want you to be afraid of AIDS. I want you to respect it," she said according to the South Florida Jewish Tribune.

Although the teens giggled and blushed, their questions showed they understood about sex and were interested in learning more.

Jaime Nichol, a member of United Synagogue Youth, pointed out that the seminar served as an opportunity to talk about topics usually not addressed, especially if parents are in the room. Referring to the talk by Dr. Volker, he said, "she's very blunt. She didn't dance around the subject. She wasn't afraid to answer questions; and that's important. Parents sometimes are afraid to realize that their children are growing up."

The parents, on the other hand also heard from Dr. Volker, Jason and in addition from Dr. Alan Berkey, a professor at Miami-Dade Community College and Dr. Fleur Sack, an expert on AIDS and HIV. Volker suggested that the parents use the seminar as a springboard for an open discussion about sex.

Shelley Mitzner of the National Council of Jewish Women, one of the co-sponsors of the seminar, related that "the kids made it clear they wouldn't come if parents did, or friends of their parents or someone who knew their parents."

3 hope to succeed Schiner at BB helm

NEW YORK — When Tommy Baer of Richmond, Va., who was Schiner's campaign chairman, and Dan Thursz, the former B'nai B'rith executive vice president, are seeking election. They are

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MEDIA WATCH

Paganism alive and well at Parliament—2

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

In our previous column, we reviewed some of the presentations by neo-pagan and occult spokespeople at the World Parliament of Religions.



ions. We continue with that topic here.

Interestingly, the Parliament's self-styled pagan spokespeople continued to claim the Hebrew Bible as their preaching text, whether to protest against it or to appropriate its images and vocabulary. This was true of Riane Eisler, author of *The Chalice and the Blade*, whose talk on "The Return of the Goddess" (WR-318) was included among the Parliament's "Major Presentations."

Her presentation was, in the main, a critique of the opening chapters of Genesis which she had, at least as she would have us believe, been formulating since childhood. Her claim was that Genesis presents a "domination," as opposed to "partner" approach to the world, extolling an unhealthy approach for males and their male God, and disenfranchising women. She said that she was born in Vienna at a "time of tremendous domination and repression," thus invoking, as it were, the Holocaust for her thesis.

Ancient societies, Eisler said, without identifying which societies, put more emphasis on partnership in their culture, whereas the West delighted in glorifying battles and rape in its art. The "nurturing wisdom of women" was respected in most cultures other than the Western and the Biblical, at least according to Eisler, who warns that only a return to ancient pagan egalitarianism can save our planet now. (Again, paganism in the name of ecology.)

She adds that any God who commands is a mere dominator. Furthermore, religious traditions "limit" us by telling

us that something is wrong with us (sin) and then urging restraint. Only when we stress the "partnership" mode in such crusty and confining religious traditions can there be any hope for humanity, though, Eisler suggests, neo-paganism is probably the most suitable religion for our time.

Announcing her fundamental feminist perspective, Eisler proceeded to ask how we can have a clean environment if we devalue the "cleaning" that women do. What an exercise in stereotyping, however, to suggest that all women have a natural penchant for cleaning, and that they all want to clean up. Is that superior to the biblical mandate, addressed to the human species, to till the garden and to keep it?

Of course, notions about

than in Hindu India. There reigns Mother Kali, mistress of life and death, hungry for blood. Once it was the blood of men she craved; today's worshippers offer substitutes. Yet nowhere on earth do ordinary, lowly women have less power and suffer greater indignities than in India... Today's bride of humble station... chances immolation in her husband's home, where she may be set alight by his mother in order to obtain for her son a new wife with yet another dowry.

In contrast, Vlahos points out, "male dominance in Hebrew politics and religion did not inhibit the martial valor of Jael or Judith, did not belittle the leadership of Deborah, a prophetess, judge, and, as she (herself) said, 'a mother in Israel.' Where in ancient literature can one find a more rever-

My impression of some of the neo-pagan talks was that they wanted the Bible as their scripture because they needed first and foremost to rage against it as the cause of all abused power in the world, even as they affirmed their own need and desire to master or manipulate every natural and supernatural power.

the Bible being a source of "domination" have been banded about by some, though not all, feminist theologians for a long time now. Eisler's rhetoric is not new. There has already been ample romanticization of the goddesses of pagan mythology.

Fortunately, there are scholars like Olivia Vlahos who have responded with greater historical and social perspective. Writing in *First Things* (Dec. 1992) of "The Goddess That Failed," Vlahos showed that matriline never meant nor guaranteed non-violence or ecological purity (she cites the Pueblo kilns). Nor did "goddesses exalted above always ensure women's rights and dignity below."

"Nowhere on earth," she points out, "is the Goddess in all her aspects more feared

ential tribute to the good woman than in Proverbs, chapter 31? No cloistered drab, this busy creature did it all and had it all." Yet this point of view was not represented at the Parliament in the "Major Presentations."

In the presentations by the neo-pagans, the Parliament outdid itself in bizarre and eclectic mixtures of anthropology, sociology, history and second-hand theology.

Now the rhetoric all seemed dispassionate enough, but after hearing constant assaults on the Hebrew Bible, it occurred to me that the speakers may have had, well, a kind of rage against the biblical tradition and its God. Since most were raised in that tradition, that rage might go very deep.

At the closing session on jealousy and the world's relig-

ions (WR-448), psychoanalyst Dr. Robert Moore suggested that rage is the infantile emotion that must become anger before there can be dialogue. My impression of some of the neo-pagan talks was that they wanted the Bible as their scripture because they needed first and foremost to rage against it as the cause of all abused power in the world, even as they affirmed their own need and desire to master or manipulate every natural and supernatural power.

By far the most bizarre event of the Parliament was the call to the entire assemblage to join in a closing session in an Aztec dance to the sun god. The program announced that "Jewish" and other cultural dances would be included. But, as Jacques Soustelle points out in his classic study, the Aztecs believed that to keep the sun-god in its course, one had to feed it every day vast amounts of its "precious water" — namely, hu-

man blood.

Is not dancing to the tune of Aztec sun-worship nothing less than an exercise in nostalgia for human sacrifice? The very concept of participating in such a ritual dance and linking it with "Jewish" dance shows an utter disregard for the sensibilities of classical Judaism, which devoted an entire tract of the Talmud "Avodah Zarah" or "Strange Worship") to cautioning the people against even casual association with idolatrous practices, and whose ancient court injunctions warn against gestures and simple everyday acts that in certain contexts can advance idolatrous practices and beliefs. (Mishnah Sanhedrin 7)

Why the mixtures of monotheism and paganism, the juxtaposition of unabashed magic and unassuming mysticism? What was the structure and plan of the Parliament, if any?

To be continued.

Temple

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7 p.m. to midnight from March 25 through April 3. Even though the two skinheads were jailed, the vigil was continued. The Rev. Daniel Bryant, senior minister of the First Christian Church, said that what has become known as the "Temple Watch" was continued because the "Holy Week is traditionally the time when these kind of incidents are most prevalent...It's very important symbolism for us to say: we're not going to tolerate this kind of behavior from our own community."

At a press conference the day after the shooting, several local churches and groups such as clergy and Laity Concerned, the ACLU, NAACP, the African-American Community Coalition and the Eugene Human Rights Commission, as well as city and state representatives turned out in a show of support.

Marvin Stern, ADL regional director, told the Jewish Review that the shooting "is just not the kind of thing we've seen in the Northwest." He said it was the most serious act of anti-Semitism in the Northwest since the white supremacists bombed a synagogue in Boise, Idaho, in 1984.

Mary Fisher

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dealing with the response of the Jewish community to the AIDS epidemic. The daughter of Max and Marjorie Fisher of Detroit, her announcement at the convention was a sign of courage unexampled in the community of which she is a part. She is the mother of two healthy children, ages 5 and 3. Her subject is entitled, "Speak Ye Comfortably to Jerusalem,"

dealing with the response of the Jewish community to the AIDS epidemic.

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YOUR NAME

By David L. Gold
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Credentials for genealogists — 2

On the same page that the Talmud says *asya demagan magan shatoye* it also says *asya rechika eyna avira*, "a distant doctor is a blind eye," that is, if the patient cannot be examined directly by the doctor, the diagnosis and treatment may be faulty. That is often the case in genealogy: a genealogist in the United States may not have access to material available only on Rhodes. Although that obstacle is disappearing with the collection, computerization and publication of more and more genealogical information, it is still a formidable one in many cases. Is, therefore, your prospective genealogist willing to travel to where the material is available and, if so, are you willing to underwrite the costs? Or, do you want the genealogist to examine only material available in a certain place in a certain library or archives? Your agreement should be specific on that point.

You will want to examine your prospective genealogist's credentials. Does the genealogist you are thinking of hiring know the languages in which the material to be examined is written? Can that person read older typefaces or handwritings, which are often quite different from those used today? How much experience has the genealogist had in the area of interest to you?

Do you want the genealogist to represent the results of the investigation in the same language or languages in which the sources are written or do you want a translation? If the material is in an alphabet you cannot read, do you want it transcribed in another alphabet (say Russian or Greek material transcribed in the Roman alphabet)? Is your prospective genealogist acquainted with the transcription systems recognized in linguistics? For example, if Yiddish material is to be romanized, is the genealogist expert in using the Standardized Yiddish Romanization?

A knowledge of both Jewish and non-Jewish local history is usually necessary for Jewish genealogical research of the highest water. Is your prospective genealogist acquainted with the history of the Jewish community or communities in which the family to be investigated has lived? Is the genealogist acquainted with the history of the non-Jewish world in which that Jewish community has been situated?

What formal training has your prospective genealogist had in the above areas? What informal training? What references can that person supply?

You will want to make a written agreement with your genealogist, specifying precisely what the goals of the work are and what the terms of payment are. If the genealogist examines material on which you have agreed but finds nothing, are you required to pay, or rather, is payment contingent on the discovery of what you are looking for? Or, do you pay only a percentage of the fee if no information or only partial information is found? Is the fee an hourly fee? A daily fee? Or a lump sum?

If the genealogist discovers material that your agreement does not stipulate is to be examined but that is relevant to your investigation, how much will your genealogist charge to examine it? Generally, if material is discovered serendipitously, you are normally not expected to pay the same amount of money that you would for ferreting out material that is hard of access and,

JEWISH THEATER

'Written and Sealed'

By IRENE BACKALENICK

Having just returned to the States from a language-immersion program in Mexico, I was indeed prepared for Hispanic theater — particularly a



(left to right) Irma-Estel LaGuerre, Rafael DeMussa and Jaime Sanchez in *Written and Sealed*, at the Puerto Rican Travelling Theatre, 304 W. 47th St., New York.

work by the highly-regarded Puerto Rican Travelling Theatre. And a new drama that combined both Jewish and Latino experience seemed promising indeed!

But the eminent PR Travelling Theatre did not deliver this time. Although Venezuelan-Jewish playwright Isaac Chocrón has formidable credentials, and is internationally-acclaimed (according to program notes), he falters this time around. He has written a talky, static piece; and even competent performances do not save this rambling effort.

Written and Sealed deals with an encounter of two old friends — a college professor (who is a non-practicing Jew) and a Roman Catholic priest. Together they explore the concepts of love, faith and mortality. So far, so good. We do not object to talky plays if the dialogue is stimulating and insightful. The dialogue

between two intellectuals in the film *My Dinner With Andre*, for example was memorable.

But this time around the author seems to have substituted obscurity for profundity. One should not confuse the two. There is constant mumbling between the professor and the priest — as well as sundry other characters who wander in and out. The professor has memories of his Jewish background and training, but no commitment. The priest is a believer who wants to know more about Judaism, and persuades the professor to teach him Jewish prayers. A

concern with homosexuality and AIDS also adds to the mix.

Also on hand are the professor's outspoken housekeeper, a hippie-type young woman, and a youth who has died of AIDS, but haunts the premises. What are we to make of these characters? Why are they here? It's all murky, baffling, pointless.

What Chocrón does well is create characters. The Jew is a cynic given to sharp barbs — a believable curmudgeon. And his housekeeper is a strong, feisty character who rules the roost and gives as good as she gets. The two arrive in Albuquerque for a vacation, where they meet up with the priest and others. There is much talk about "the magic of this place," and we are led to believe that each has a kind of life-changing experience as they wander through the professor's rented quarters. But what? And why?

The cast, we must admit, acquits itself beautifully, particularly Ramón Albino as the priest and Irma-Estel LaGuerre as the housekeeper. Let us hope their talents are put to better use on future occasions.

NOTE: Charlotte Delbo's Holocaust memoir *Who Will Carry The World?* has returned to off-Broadway for an open-ended run. This searing portrait of women in the Auschwitz and Ravensbrück concentration camps played in New York last fall. A kind of

consequently, would take much time and trouble to locate.

You must, therefore, negotiate and come to an agreement. Because even that stage of the work may require a significant portion of the genealogist's time, some genealogists charge an initial, non-refundable fee merely for negotiating with you, whether or not an agreement is reached. If you do come to an agreement, the genealogist should be willing to deduct that fee from the amount charged for the research itself.

Genealogy and anthroponymy are contiguous in that anthroponymical information is often helpful in genealogy and genealogical information is often helpful in anthroponymy. However, the two belong to entirely different disciplines: genealogy is a branch of information-retrieval, hence a genealogist is akin to a librarian or an archivist, skilled in ferreting out often hard-to-find information. Anthroponymy, in contrast, is a branch of linguistics. Two distinct fields thus require different skills and different preparation. Since you would not allow your dentist to prescribe eyeglasses just because your eyes are close to your teeth, so should you be wary of any genealogist who offers to explain the origin and meaning of people's names "just because" the two fields are contiguous. In general, be suspicious of people who promise what appears to be too much and who seem to be overstepping their bounds.

So far, I've seen only a handful of Jewish family trees which are linguistically acceptable, that is, as far as the spelling of personal names and place names is concerned.

Next week: a handsome Jew.

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WHAT I HAVE TO SAY

What is an education?

By JIM SHIPLEY

1066. Everybody in my generation knows that date. 1066. C'mon, you remember! The Battle of Hastings! Of course! Now—fast. What did



it mean? Oh, well, yes... The Battle of Hastings...

In truth it was the first battle fought (according to the history books we studied) to do away with a complete monarchy and give some rights to the land owners. I think those land owners were basically barons who were momzers. I think.

After all these years, I am not sure. And to tell the truth, in all these years I have never once been called upon to discuss the Battle of Hastings. But why all the fuss about the date? Suppose the battle had been fought a year earlier, or five years later? But, when I was in school, dates and chronology were more important than the concepts.

There was recently a survey testing levels of world affairs knowledge. It took place in eight nations. Americans did not do very well. Half of Americans could name the president of Russia. 94 percent of the Germans could do so. 79 percent of the Germans knew Israel had signed a peace agreement with the PLO. 40 percent of the Americans tested knew that. Only 13 percent of Americans could identify Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Three percent of the Germans got all five questions wrong as against 37 percent of the Americans. But, is all this really important?

I am more concerned with relevance. With the teaching of concepts. Most of that other stuff you could look up. I am more worried about the Christian Right taking over the school boards and what they will do to education than I am that kids did not know North Korea was threatening to drop out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

As Jews, we worry that the

Holocaust will be forgotten or at least trivialized as time goes by and the survivors disappear. We should worry even more that our kids may learn the concept of Holocaust. If it is Bosnian Muslims and Christians in the Sudan today, you know that somewhere down the line they will indeed get back to the Jews.

Perhaps as against learning the name of the president of Russia (who may not have the job for very long) our Jewish kids should be learning the ideology of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, and why he was able to get so many Russians to vote for him. Perhaps more important than the name of the Egyptian civil servant on a power trip at the UN, our kids should learn about why the UN is there and what it is supposed to be and how it turned into the largest anti-Semitic forum in world history.

The schools are where our parents and grandparents learned to speak English. Where they learned the greatness of this nation to which their parents had the courage to bring them. They could not wait to become a part of America. They had no questions about dual languages, this was America! They wanted to learn and they did — the dates and the names and the concepts.

No amount of education

can replace the stability of a secure home and solid role models. As Jews we have been providing that for our people for thousands of years. But now, here in this Gan Eden, the fabric of Jewish pride is becoming a bit worn. It starts with the little things. Too many Michael Milken. Too much Michael Lerner. Too much Michael Dershowitz. A lack of pride in your Jewishness, a lack of Jewish education. We hear a lot about self-esteem these days. Jewish self-esteem begins with pride in your people. It helps give you pride in yourself. We should know the truth about ourselves and what we are. Our kids, more than ourselves should have the answers for the Farrah Fawcetts and Zhirinovskys of the world.

Our kids, regardless of where they get their education, should know that Arabs were the main slave traders of Black Africans. That Jews have always been in the forefront of civil rights, human rights and right from wrong. That Torah teaches love and not bullets. Can our kids pass a test on that? It's a lot more important than knowing that guy Boris What's-his-name. It sure is a lot more important than 1066.

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MISCONCEPTIONS

Window-shopping

By RABBI REUVEN BULKA
MISCONCEPTION: *There is nothing wrong with window-shopping.*

It all depends on which side of the window one does the shopping. Certainly there is nothing wrong with individuals walking down the street or through a mall, gazing through the windows and contemplating whether to buy or not to buy.

However, if one has absolutely no intention of buying an item, and just for curiosity goes into a store and asks the storekeeper the price of an item, this is deception. It

is deception if the question is asked when, in fact, there is no intention of buying it.

There is nothing wrong with going into a store and saying that you are not prepared to buy the item just now, but are curious and would like to know the price. The storekeeper then has the option of being kind and stating the price, or saying that since you are not interested in buying, he or she is too busy to chat.

Giving false impressions is something that must be avoided.

FLEISHMAN'S FLIGHT

Moshe Shamir's views

By ALFRED FLEISHMAN

In our International Media meetings in Israel, as I have written, we met with just about every group and point of view. The next few columns



I regard as my most important columns on those meetings:

Up to now, we have discussed some of the comments and views of the settlers and the military in the Golan and Jericho. We met with economists, bankers, political figures, Netanyahu, Knesset members,

President Weizman, Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, representing just about every point of view. Included also were views of Palestinians.

The number of people we heard from and with whom we had press conferences numbered more than 50. They were informative, serious and sometimes disturbing, depending upon your point of view.

In the next few columns I give the views (somewhat condensed for space) of the leading Hebrew author, Moshe Shamir. He spoke in debate form with Avineri. (Avineri's rebuttal will follow shortly). In view of the current ongoing debate everywhere in Israel and the rest of the Jewish world, I regarded the meeting with both of them as probably the most important we heard in Israel. Certainly, one of the most important I have heard!

Shamir was so serious about his views that sometimes in his comments he was actually shaking (or so it appeared). I can state that while I may not have agreed with his views, I have seldom, if ever, heard them stated with such feeling and conviction.

Shamir began his statement after Avineri's comment by saying that he spoke and regarded himself as a "witness under Oath." He felt in moments like this that he was a "defendant." He made it

clear that he meant he was defending all of the settlers in Judea, Samaria and even Gaza.

He initially said he would not discuss recent events (the slaughter in Hebron) but he also made it very clear that he did not approve of what happened. In doing so he also made strenuous objections to such action. (more in his remarks that follow.)

Here are some of his comments as I recorded them at the meeting:

"The question mark is on the word, peace. Anything which is named peace should be peace! My sentiments on the Jewish settlements had not changed a bit. I'm telling you what I feel.

"I am sorry to say this is our Israeli great tragedy. It is a great tragedy of the Middle East, a great tragedy of the Arab peoples. The Arabs sometimes call themselves a people, or a great Arab nation.

"They are completely aimed at the complete destruction of the Jewish people. That has not changed. What we are doing now as a peace process is simply making them, bringing them, nearer to completing that state of affairs.

"This is why I believe we cannot speak about peace when we speak about the current situation as the common policy of the government of Israel. I speak to you as a witness, as a Sabra and spending all his life here. I feel a theft... from the dearest, deepest elements of my very existence.

"Why is this so? Because I, from my very first day, even during the best years of my life, I learned then there was a whole Eretz Yisrael. And that included the eastern side of the Jordan River!

"I believed that my nation and my people were there in right and justice, completely justified (meaning the West Bank). I believe that those who attack me are against me. Whether just a single Arab somewhere attacking a Jew walking peacefully or a whole army bombing and attacking.

"I believe they (the Arabs) are wrong. They have no right to interfere in my country. They have no right to be over-

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How Kansas City is confronting continuity

The 1990 Council of Jewish Federations National Jewish Population survey published in 1991 revealed a serious erosion of attachment to both Jewish practices and Israel by American Jews.

Clearly, Jewish identity and affiliation were lessening, threatening the continuity of the American Jewish community. Planned and decisive communal action would be needed in order to reverse the number of Jews who are not choosing to identify or affiliate with Judaism, and/or to raise their children Jewishly, while at the same time to increase the qualitative aspects of Jewish experience. After a series of meetings with presidents and rabbis of congregations, presidents and executives of beneficiary agencies, the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City responded to this challenge by convening a Commission of Jewish Continuity, identity and Affiliation in April 1992. The Commission is composed of representatives from every agency and congregation in the community, all pulpit rabbis and agency executives, along with volunteer community leadership. Its role is to provide expertise, knowledge and insight, and present a plan of action.

Initially, the goals and strategies of the Commission were difficult to define in manageable terms. However, as Commission members studied and educated themselves about verities of continuity, key issues and objectives became evident. These included:

1. The Commission must serve as a "community building" vehicle, bringing together the key "players" in continuity and offering them the opportunity to study and seek solutions to continuity issues within a communal framework. This calls for far-reaching institutional change and vastly increased communal co-operation.

2. The "old" ways of encouraging Jewish identity have not been successful in our society. New approaches are mandatory in a society where being Jewish is a matter of personal choice. These "new approaches" call for community cooperation and community planning...working together as a community seeking solutions.

3. In items of a "target group" for continuity, the populations most easily approached are those who are in some way, at some time, affiliated, even marginally, with the Jewish community, either through congregational affiliation, Jewish Community Center or organization membership, or some other attachment to a "gateway institution."

These marginally affiliated families and individuals are neither well connected Jewishly

nor totally alienated from Jewish life. They are our great opportunity as well as our great challenge. Motivating these families and offering them joyful Jewish experiences is our task. Helping them to better understand the compelling reasons why Judaism should be central in their lives is a fundamental goal. Our community will be successful if all of us together create a Jewish community composed of positively identified and affiliated Jews who are strong and vibrant in their beliefs and practices.

STRATEGIC GOALS

After the Commission identified key issues, it then defined the following strategic goals as the Mission of the Commission:

I. Jewish Renewal — To identify current activities and programs and intensify and expand Jewish experiences within these areas (1992 and 1993).

II. Community Covenant — To form a partnership between Congregations, Beneficiary Agencies, the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Foundation and communal organizations to initiate and fund innovative and creative programs which contribute to Jewish continuity, identity and affiliation. Upon completion of this two year program, funding may become part of the Federation's annual allocation process, pending evaluation and validation of the programs (1993-95).

III. "Jewish Community United 2000" — To re-examine the Jewish Community of Kansas City with the goal of "reinventing" Jewish priorities from 1995-2000. This includes an intensive look at community services and programs as measured against community needs and issues of Jewish Continuity, Identity and Affiliation.

JEWISH RENEWAL

*During the summer of 1992 the Commission focused on the objective of Jewish Renewal. Using a specially designed community survey, Commission members interviewed professionals from agencies and congregations to determine which existing programs and services were most successful in promoting and enhancing Jewish identity and continuity and why these programs were successful. A report, titled "Strengthening Jewish Identity," was prepared, and contained relevant research pertaining to Jewish identity formation, as well as listing of the "Best" programs in our community. Also included in the report were the following lists of elements which were found to be common to successful programs and those elements common to unsuccessful programs:

A. Elements of Successful Programs

1. Role models and/or mentors are a key component to successful programs, especially programs for children of all ages;

2. The involvement of the Rabbi and other effective, professional staff is a valuable program enhancer, particularly in the area of Family Education;

3. Socialization is an important component of all successful programs.

4. Informal programs are often more successful than formal ones.

B. Elements of Unsuccessful Programs

1. Unqualified or ineffective professional staff;

2. Scheduling conflicts;

3. Lack of family and personal priorities.

The completion of this Survey and Report marked the end of the first Commission goal, Jewish Renewal.

COMMUNITY COVENANT

In December 1992, the Commission proposed that Gerald Bubis be brought to Kansas City to help further define issues before moving to the next phase of work. Bubis is founding director of the School of Jewish Communal Service at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, and an expert facilitator on Jewish communal issues. In preparation for meeting with Bubis in May of 1993, the Commission divided into four subcommittees for further study of particular areas where identity formation is

critical: 1) Early Childhood and Elementary Age Children and Their Families; 2) Adolescents and Their Families; 3) College Students, Singles and Young Couples; and 4) Adults As Role Models.

The task of these subcommittees was to intensely study and discuss these four areas of concern and to make recommendations to the full Commission for priorities in each area. Non-Commission members with special expertise and interest were invited to participate in subcommittee meetings in order to be certain the priority-setting process was as broad based as possible. The subcommittees met in March and April and again over the summer.

Bubis' visit gave the Commission a better perspective of its work vis-a-vis other communities, and Commission members better understood the difficulties ahead in the process. After Bubis' visit, additional subcommittee study took place, and a Community Open Forum titled "The Threat to Jewish Continuity... Kansas City Responds" was held to present the Commission's preliminary report and seek input from the public. The following subcommittee priority recommendations, in summary, were adopted by the Commission in the fall of 1993:

1. Early Childhood/Elementary Age Children and Their Families

- Jewish Family Education
- Strengthening Jewish Congregational and Day Schools

2. Adolescents and Their Families

- Israel Study Seminars
- Mentoring Programs for Leadership Development
- Seventh Grade Mitzvah Camp
- Programming for High School Seniors

3. College Students, Singles and Young Adults

- Expand "Share-A-Shabbat"
- "Hot Line"
- Singles Community Theater
- Innovative Techniques to Enhance K.U. Hillel Recruitment and programs

- Community Singles Director

4. Adults As Role Models

- Promote "The Year of Living Jewishly"
- Adult Retreats/Shabbatonim at a variety of levels
- Melton Adult Mini-School
- Materials to explain services on contemporary level
- Inter-congregational Chavurot
- Weekend "Festival of Judaism"
- Family/Adult Israel Programs

The Commission is now prepared to implement its second objective: Community Covenant — to form a partnership between the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Foundation, Congregations, Beneficiary Agencies, and Communal Organizations to initiate and fund innovative and creative programs which contribute to Jewish continuity, identity and affiliation.

A Commission Task Force created Grant Guidelines and a Proposal form for use in making financial grants for programs which enhance continuity and identity in our community.

Requests for Proposals were to be sent to the Community in January 1994. Funds for these grants were expected from two bequests from the estate of Solomon Goldberg, as well as an allocation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City. The Commission will consider each proposal and recommend grant recipients to the Central Budget Committee of the Jewish Federation and to the Jewish Community Foundation for final endorsement.

Throughout 1994 and 1995 the Commission will continue to provide seed money to spark innovative and creative programs that contribute to Jewish identity formation. In addition, its role will be:

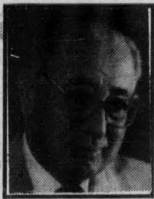
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DIGEST OF THE YIDDISH PRESS YAACOV'S WORLD

Visit to Devil's Island

By RABBI SAM SILVER

All languages borrow from other languages. English has within it elements of Latin, German, French and Anglo-Saxon, among others. Yiddish



also incorporates words from other tongues. In Yiddish, for example, the word for a young person is "jung." A boy is a "yingel." But some Jews call a little boy a *boychikel*. Three languages are in that term: boy is English, chick is Slavic, and el is German. That example was offered 70 years ago by none other than Zev Jabotinsky, the fiery intellectual-orator who headed up the Revisionist movement in Zionism. The example was part of an article he wrote in Paris in which he rebuts the idea that Yiddish is just a jargon. Actually, Jabotinsky was a Hebraist, but he apparently had a high regard for mame lashon. (Chaim Bader, in the Forward.)

Fishman Archives

For five generations the Fishman family has been active in Jewish organizations and in cultural pursuits. The family produced and kept in its possessions hundreds of articles, essays, correspondence and other documents touching upon Judaism. Recently the Fishman Archives were bestowed upon the Juda-

ica Department of Stanford University by Dr. Shikel Fishman, who teaches at Yeshiva University. The gift was praised by Prof. Steven Zipperstein, head of the department of Jewish Studies, and Prof. Roger Cohen, curator of Stanford's collection of Judaica. Included in the cache are the poems and memoirs of Rachel Fishman, sister of Prof. Fishman. (I. Hamer in the Forward)

Keep your promise

A year ago the Israeli Knesset rang with praise for Yiddish spoken by a cluster of officials and scholars. The legislature recommended many courses for the introduction of Yiddish into schools and for the preservation of Yiddish in programs. But not enough has been done to implement the proposals according to some of the Yiddishists in Israel. Hence, recently, the Minister of Education, Shulamit Aloni was visited by a delegation of leaders of the various Yiddish institutions and organizations. They urged the government to put into effect what they resolutions called for a year ago.

In the delegation were Mordecai Tzanin, president of a writer's association; Prof. Yitzhak Warshavsky, head of the World Council for Yiddish; Yitzhak Ludin, of the Workmen's Circle; and Leah Schlanger, who broadcasts in Yiddish for "Kol Israel." (I. Hamer in the Forward.)

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'Kosher' smokes fuel protest

JERUSALEM — The kosher for Passover certificate Rabbi Moshe Blau of Bnei Brak issued to Dubek cigarettes has led to charges by the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking of endangering health and also a call for his appearance at an Eda Haredit court.

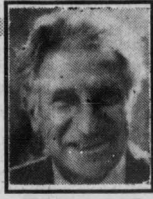
Rabbi Yehoshua Scheinberger, who heads Rafa, the medicine according to halacha organization, said he and the anti-smoking association will take Blau to a religious court. "I have collected signatures of 60 prominent rabbis around the country who declare that no kashrut certificate may be granted for cigarettes." He added that "giving rabbinical approval to smoking is shameful, a crime, spilling blood. It's like giving a hechsher to pork."

In his defense, Rabbi Blau said, "I didn't say it was healthy. Haredim would smoke on Passover even without the hechsher."

Rachel and Barak's Israel trip

By YAACOV LURIA

If you read me with *kavana*, you may remember a column last fall about a couple about to travel to Israel. I ran on about the special joy, "the first



fine careless rapture," they were in for.

If I were Moses and I had to send two people to spy out the land, it would be a tossup between two teams—Joshua and Caleb, or Rachel and Barak.

Rachel and Barak went to Israel one November and stayed for a month. They returned with a report brimming with understanding, delight, pride, wonder, enthusiasm, hope, and longing. And to make sure the word is spread, they put a minutely detailed account of their observations, experiences, thoughts, and feelings into a 70-page journal.

To remind you, I met Rachel and Barak, aka Roz and Marty, three years ago when I asked for feedback to "Yaacov's World." Rachel — she preferred "Rahel" — began writing me letters of a kind that the telephone and the frenzied pace of modern life long drove out of style. Each letter overflowed with detail about the life stories of two people of infinite courage and good will.

Rachel and Marty are fortysomething and were married by a judge 15 years ago. Both of them were children of intermarriage who were drawn to each other partly because of their common impulse to embrace Judaism totally.

I learned of the grit with which both Rachel and Barak have triumphed over so many obstacles — health problems, and near-fatal crippling accidents among them — to live rich fulfilling lives. As a social worker, she works 60 hours a week with disturbed children and their families. Barak is a mechanical whiz who, after working hours in construc-

tion, voluntarily repairs equipment for the handicapped.

They live in an old house on a hill near Branchport, a small town near Rochester, N.Y. Avid gardeners and canners, they revel in the beauty of wild flowers and trees. Below their house is a village called Jerusalem. It was the symbolism of the name that drew them to spot in the first place.

Their trip to the real Jerusalem was the culmination of the spiritual journey they have been making since their marriage. Nothing has deterred them. They drive long distances in forbidding weather to take classes in Jewish studies and to daven with the Jewish community. Just before going to Israel, they were

remarried according to Jewish tradition by a Chabad rabbi. Their trip was thus a long deferred honeymoon.

What I have written is only an appetizer. I have recommended to the editor that he print excerpts from the "Memories of Israel," the journal Rachel and Barak have put together with illustrations by Rachel. Nothing I have ever read better captures the excitement of the land and its people. Anyone who has never been will be moved to go. Those who have been will yell, "Here we go again!"

(Editor's note: Their account of their Israel travels is indeed well worth publishing, which we will be doing sometime in the future serially when space permits.)

PORTION OF THE WEEK

Women's impurity

Tazria: Leviticus 12:1-13:59

The beginning of Parshat Tazria describes the law regarding a woman after childbirth. She first goes through a period of ritual impurity, then through a period called "blood purification." Both of these time spans are twice as long after bearing a daughter as after bearing a son. This discrepancy is profoundly disturbing. Even more troubling is the requirement that, after her purification period,

the woman brings a burnt offering and a sin offering to the Temple. Why a sin offering. Isn't childbirth a mitzvah? How has the woman sinned?

Perhaps the Torah anticipates that when a woman gives birth, she may well be overwhelmed by her accomplishment. She feels so proud of what she has done that she takes full credit for the glory of new life! In so doing, she ignores the major role played in the miracle of reproduction by

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Reaching out

Metzora:

Leviticus 14:1-15:33

The parsha opens with a description of the ritual for purifying the metzora, an Israelite stricken with a skin disease. The metzora is required to dwell outside the Israelite camp until the affliction has passed. On the day on which the metzora is eligible for purification, the Torah records that "he shall be brought to the priest" (Lev. 14:2). The next verse, however, reports that "the priest shall go outside the camp" to the place where the metzora has dwelt

alone during his sickness. The classical commentaries explain the apparent contradiction by noting that the priest must go out to the metzora since the latter cannot return to the camp until the purification ritual has been performed.

To the commentators' explanations for the priest's behavior, we can add another insight. The metzora, as a result of contracting a disfiguring disease, has been exiled from the community. While this precaution may have

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ISRAEL: AS I SEE IT

As Israel marks Holocaust Day

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

All Israel observed with ceremonies and prayers Holocaust Heroes and Martyrs Memorial Day. Throughout the land Jews were aware



of the significance of this solemn day of remembrance of the greatest tragedy in the history of our people, wherein "in each generation arise those who would destroy us but the Almighty" saves us from them."

Holocaust Day in Israel reached down to the hearts of every man, woman and child here. On the eve of this sacred day, precisely at 8 p.m. the sirens sounded throughout the country and all stood at attention as traffic came to a halt everywhere. Official opening ceremonies were at the Kotel and at Yad Vashem, Heroes and Martyrs Memorial Authority, in the presence of President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The significance of this day and its emphasis upon the Heroes and Martyrs who fought in the ghettos and in the death camps was the message of the speakers including Yad Vashem Board Chairman Avner Shalev, Council Chairman Dr. Yosef Burg and underground fighter Stefan Grek on behalf of the many hundreds of Jewish resistance and underground battlers who fought desperate battles against a cruel German army and their helpers among the Poles, Ukrainians, Lithuanians, etc.

Appropriate musical renditions were presented by the army officers Chambers Orchestra, the Gogol Harmonica Orchestra and the Ankor Children's Choir. An Azkara was made by IDF Chief Rabbi General Gad Navon and by IDF senior Cantor Arye Braun. At a later separate ceremony, a film presentation with the catch title, *Daddy Come To Luna Park*, a visit to Poland by actor Shmuel

Vilozny and his father, was an excellent documentary piece. "The Significance of Remembrance," a discussion by experts, closed the late evening conference.

Promptly at 10 a.m. the next day, the sirens sounded and all stood in silent devotion for two minutes. Then followed many observances throughout Israel beginning with the laying of a wreath at the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial by the President and Prime Minister, a public reading of the names of those who perished in the Holocaust under the program "Unto Every Person There Is A Name," a central memorial service in Ohel Yizkor and a youth assembly to mark "50 years of the Palestinian Parachutists" in the Warsaw Ghetto Plaza.

The chief concern is, will the rest of the world remember? The magnificent Holocaust Museum in Washington attracting millions of visitors; the outstanding movie, The Holocaust, and the latest Spielberg masterpiece, Schindler's List as well as the annual March of the Living will undoubtedly keep the memory of the Six Million somewhat a reality. But regretfully, our Jewish experience historically has been that anti-Semites are never deterred by facts.

In the Jerusalem Theater was presented the Israeli premier of the "Symphony of Lamentations" by Henrik Goretzky, played by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra.

This year, the 50th anniversary of the destruction of the Hungarian Jewish community was commemorated in the torchlight ceremony, with torches lit by Peretz Ben-Eliezer, Moshe Alpan, Nashka Goldfarb and Menahem Zvi-Kadari who fought in the Hungarian underground and who had rescued over 5,000 children. Another torchlighter was Jonah Rosen who had parachuted into Yugoslavia together with Hannah Szenes who was caught and

executed. Special exhibits were shown at the Yad Vashem Art Gallery and in the Valley of the Communities commemorating the synagogues destroyed on Kristallnacht.

Additional impressive commemorations were at the mini-Holocaust Hall adjacent to the grave of King David on Mount Zion. Major observances were at Yad Mordecai Kibbutz bearing the name of Mordecai Anilevitz, leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt. Similar ceremonies were conducted in Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot, founded by the ghetto fighters throughout captured European countries. In the huge amphiatron of the Kibbutz was observed the 51st year of the ghetto revolts through the presentations in

music and drama of the self-sacrifice and dedication of ghetto fighters battling against overwhelming odds and sophisticated arms. The Kibbutz has a very unusual museum and copious archives open to the many thousands of tourists visiting annually. The Kibbutz will honor the memory of the noted poet Yitzhak Katzenelson by translating into Hebrew two of his works written in Yiddish before his death in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1944.

For a full 24 hours, both radio and TV presented programs dealing with all phases of the Holocaust including personal accounts of survi-

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POSTMARK ISRAEL

Yordim or M'hagrim

It is more than a minor change in nomenclature. It is an indication of something more significant.

Israelis who leave their country to settle abroad are known as yordim, those who descend, in contrast to Jews who go to live in Israel, make aliyah, or ascend. During the years the very word yordim (singular, yored) has come to take on a perjorative, negative connotation, alluding somehow to one who has turned his back on his country, on its problems and on his responsibilities to it. The negative aspect has not always been justified in every case, but the generalization has been common. There is little doubt that Israelis overseas wince at the sound of the word.

The negative attitude reached its acme some years ago when Yitzhak Rabin contemptuously referred to them as weakling dropouts.

In recent months, gradually, and obviously as a matter of policy, the Israeli Foreign Ministry has ceased referring to them as yordim. Those who have been abroad for a long period of time are now designated as emigres (in Hebrew, m'hagrim), or if they stay away from the homeland has not yet been lengthy, they are simply Israelis.

At one time, Israel's diplomatic representatives overseas were uncertain as to what attitude to adopt toward them. In some instances, they were given a cold shoulder. In others they were treated civilly, but coldly. Through the years, the attitude has been changing. Today, the yordim — pardon, the emigres —

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

By Jean Herschaft

The 70th year of women's involvement in Yeshiva U. was celebrated royally on March 14 at the St. Regis Roof. It was saluted by the First Lady of New York City, Donna Hanover. The wife of Mayor Rudy Giuliani who is a journalist and TV anchorwoman and mom of two youngsters was in the right place at the right time. She is hosting a half-hour TV documentary on women in the city called *City Originals: Women Making It Work*, later in the month.

What better inspiration for the First Lady's project than the 70 years of committed, dedicated and loving service of the group of angels being honored on this day? "The number '70' holds great significance in Jewish life and study," said Dina Pinczower, "Our sages describe the Torah itself with that very number, Shivim Panim LaTorah," (there are seventy faces to the Torah). Pinczower is the dynamic, innovative chairman of the board and national president of the female brigade.

Greeting each guest was a brilliantly executed brochure: 1924-1994, presenting a warm history of YU women's involvement in major assistance to YU's growth. YU is the only



(left to right) Rose C. Liberman, who received the Distinguished Leadership Award, with Dina Pinczower, YUWO's chairman of the board and national president.

academic treasure, under and ruled with Judaic genius and precepts.

A vivid example, 1930, a concert starring George Gershwin at the piano with *Rhapsody in Blue* for YU Women's scholarship drive. A reproduction of a letter from Gershwin requesting two pianos for his use was more than moving.

Gladys Richter and Sue Liberman, who compiled the booklet, daughter and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Rose Liberman who received the Distinguished Leadership Award for 65 — yes you read right — 65 years of consistent daily leadership, dedicated the luncheon and its history "to those pioneering women who 70 years ago identified the needs of struggling Yeshiva students and conscientiously devoted themselves to fulfilling them. They not only raised funds for the construction of the first dormitory building, but also undertook acts of 'chesed' in enhancing the quality of life and the personal welfare of each student."

Rose Liberman, a true 'aises chayil' who for 65 of the 70 years of this celebration, has been its dominant star. In fact, one could say she has sprinkled stardust also over kin groups such as Beth Rivkah Schools Lubavitch, which she founded and chaired for more than 40 years as well as serving on the board of the National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education, with activity spelled with a capital "A."

Service Awards went to Terry Jaspán and Elaine Wolf, both with strong ties to YU history. Terry is married to lawyer

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Ideas for Mr. President

By JUDY CARR

Israel's President, Ezer Weizman, does not have the powers of Clinton. He does not rule the country and is not involved in politics. His powers are moral. He makes decisions regarding the welfare of Israelis and what he says — goes.

A number of politicians went down to a caravan site where new immigrants lived, at Nahal Beka. Rabin, our most cherished prime minister, was approached by weeping immigrants who said they had no money and no work. He just said, "Well, meanwhile, you have a place to live."

Weizman went down there and said he had never seen worse living conditions and ordered the site disbanded. He was compassionate, straightforward and efficient and did not employ soft soap.

A presidential ceremony will be held soon — the open-

ing of the Year of the Environment. Are you going to be present? Then be prepared for an awful stink. Weizman told Environment Minister Yossi Sarid that he could not hold the ceremony at the Presidential residence and suggested the huge dump at Hiriya that houses the rubbish of Tel Aviv.

Weizman had found his match in Yossi. "Fine," said the Minister. "Glad to oblige." So a ramp is being erected at the vast landfill and those who want the champagne will have to suffer.

So you think it is easy being a general, a politician and a president. Such a person always has an income, prestige, a driver, attendants. Weizman did not have it so good. He lost his son in a street accident not so long ago. Presidents are not exempt from tragedy. But he carried on and cared for everyone else in what I can only call Israeli-style.

I wonder if I should get in touch with Ezer Weizman about some of Judy Carr's mad ideas that have been drifting through my head. Putting mental patients in the government and locking up the politicians. Putting women in charge of the war machine and seeing how long we had war after that and how quickly peace would come. Slaughtering the warmongers instead of our sons.

I also thought of opening up Israel's many orphanages and letting people walk right in and pick themselves children and take them home. I thought of telling our mourners — Go out and cry in the streets of Israel and don't hide it. Let us comfort one another... Maybe Ezer Weizman would also like to weep. But he smiles. So Israel goes on smiling.

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UN finally does flay terrorists

UNITED NATIONS — What was unique about the condemnation by the U.N. of the terrorist attack on the bus at Afula in Israel which cost the lives of eight Israelis was that this was the first time since 1948 that the organization has taken such action.

"The members of the Security Council view with shock and outrage the attack on Israeli civilians on a passenger bus in the town of Afula on April 6," said Colin Keating, the New Zealand ambassador who holds the rotating presidency of the Security Council.

Rebbe's guards in fist fight

NEW YORK — The struggle for domination in Lubavitch between groups seeking control now that the Rebbe is brain dead has led to charges of third degree assault against three Lubavitch youths by police for beating up 47-year-old Chaim Halberstam, one of several people who regularly take turns watching over the Rebbe in his hospital room.

Charged are Yanky Prager, 21, Jack Hershkop, 21, and his brother, Aaron Hershkop, 17. Halberstam was treated for stitches over his left eye.

Tazria

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God, whose hand is seen in all such "natural" wonders. Her lack of humility and failure to acknowledge God's role are her sin.

Then why doubled periods of impurity and purification for a daughter? One possibility is that giving birth to a virtual copy of herself, a girl who will someday also be able to create life, increases a mother's pride and so requires a longer punitive period. Another is that the period of impurity after bearing a son is interrupted by the brit milah, circumcision (Lev.

12:3). This powerful ritual reminds the proud mother of God's role in the birth and in the continued life of her son. Since ancient Judaism had no covenant ceremony for daughters, a longer impurity/purification period was required.

Modernity has taught us to recognize the absolute covenantal value of Jewish women, and the resultant development of covenant rituals for newborn daughters enables them, like their brothers, to remind us of God's presence in the world.

Metzora

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rises from the desire to prevent the spread of a contagious disease, it undoubtedly left the metzora feeling emotionally, as well as physically alone. Cured of his illness, the metzora is now permitted to rejoin the community, but the period of isolation may have left him angry and withdrawn. The priest goes out to meet the metzora in part to draw him back into the community. Reentering the community is a gradual process, reflecting the difficulty the

metzora experiences reconnecting with other human beings.

Our communities include individuals who for one reason or another feel isolated. We cannot ignore these people or contribute to their feelings of estrangement. Fear of their afflictions is no excuse for causing them further pain. Just as the priest goes out to meet the metzora, so too we must reach out to those in our midst who have been excluded, drawing them back into a caring community.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

Murder in Afula — was Kahane right?

By ARLENE G. PECK

A year ago, I was in Israel during Holocaust Remembrance Day — the day Israel sets aside to recall the killing of 6 million Jews by Nazi Ger-



many. I don't think that I will ever forget that experience.

I was walking back to my apartment from my classes at Ulpan Meir and suddenly the sirens sounded. It was truly amazing as all around me for the next couple of minutes people froze in mid-sentence. Arms that were raised stayed that way and people stopped in mid-step to give silent meditation to the memory of those who died in the Holocaust. Everything stopped stopped; traffic, radio, television, all business, everything, while a tight unity surrounded everyone and reminded us that we were one.

How well that reminder came back on the eve of this year's Holocaust Day. This was the infamous day that a car packed with high explosives, nails and propane gas driven by a Palestinian suicide bomber rammed itself into a commuter bus carrying Israeli students returning from junior high school. Witnesses at the scene described it as "horrible." "There were kids lying all over who were mangled and burned, and a square block was strewn with bodies and parts of bodies."

As usual, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did nothing. He didn't even comment on the attack at ceremonies that marked the day Israel set aside to recall the killing of 6 million Jews by Nazi Germany.

Amazing isn't it? How after the attack by one, lone crazed settler, Dr. Goldstein, Israel's Prime Minister and all of his Peace Now people rushed in to condemn the incident in Hebron. Yet, he couldn't even see fit to mention the mayhem which had hours before destroyed the lives of eight students and horribly maimed 50 more.

While Rabin stood silent, during the ceremonies at the Holocaust Museum, President Ezer Weizman declared, "Today, on the eve of the Holocaust Memorial Day, we paid a heavy price for being Jewish and for working to live a peaceful life in the land of Israel. The long, historic cycle of blood continues... and this criminal act of terror took place as the hope and expectations for peace are standing at the gate."

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pride the Arab organizations always rush into claim credit for the murders of pregnant women and school children.

Will the Arabs offer the Israelis the same high monetary compensation as Israel's Prime Minister did to the victims of Hebron? How much prodding will it take by the United States to even superficially condemn the attack by his fellow Arabs? Hell, they haven't even officially changed their charter from striving for the elimination of Israel.

The cause of this latest terrorism is the Labor Party's policy of nonstop concessions to the PLO. Terrorism begets more terrorism. And every

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motion that might have caused it. After all, didn't it happen on the very day that he was responsible for opening the jails and returning to the Gaza Strip and Jericho 50 Palestinian terrorists who were the recognized engineers of the intifada? Were they not key activists of Arafat's Fatah wing who had been expelled years ago as suspected terrorist leaders?

So, now where are the emergency meetings of the United Nations? Will there be condemnations such as those that we saw toward the entire government of Israel when one lone gunman went berserk? After all, the bombing of the students in Afula and the subsequent murders at the bus stops of yet more Israeli civilians were done under the leadership of recognized Arab groups, such as Hamas. With

aware of the reverence that the Arabs have for life. This latest suicide mission is a perfect example. Now he can go to Mecca's heaven a martyr for killing a bus full of Jews.

The coming weeks should be interesting, if nothing else, to see how much of the world really cares. Wouldn't it be nice if the Jewish communities and the Richard Dreyfusses of the world held "Town Meetings" to deplore the actions of the Arabs as they did those of the settlers after the Hebron incident? I would like to see a discussion about the impotent government of Israel that can't even protect its own citizens

yet is overly concerned with the Arabs living in their midst. If one wants to cite incident after incident of Arab atrocities, the scale is far more against the Arabs for bloodletting. When does it stop? Maybe Abraham had the right idea when he sent Ishmael away to keep Isaac safe. Could Kahane have been right when he proposed a transfer? The enemy within is comparable to the inmates taking over the asylum.

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Krupnick

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vours anxious to put on record the horrors of the death camps; dramatic material saved from the victims before their deaths; discussions by expert authorities; plays for children bringing home the message and appropriate musical selections. The important message throughout was Zachor! Zachor! Remember! Remember!

Israelis faced with ongoing problems which involved the return of 50 terrorists to Israel a day before the Holocaust Day while a bomb-loaded car killed eight and wounded over 50 (mostly high school students) in Afula in the midst of the country and several terrorist attacks in which two were killed and seven wounded on Holocaust Day will remember the Holocaust

as well as the continuing terror at home.

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But regrettably, our Jewish experience historically has been that anti-Semites are never deterred by facts. We hope that the merits of the Heroes and Martyrs of the Holocaust will help assure a more secure and peaceful future.

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Hate harassment wins cop big sum

LOS ANGELES — Alan Tavelman, a detective with the Huntington Park Police Department, has been awarded \$335,000 for anti-Semitic harassment during his nine years on the force.

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Sermon of the Week

Faith and Intellect — Only the Naive Think They Are Mutually Exclusive — Rabbi Harry K. Danziger, Temple Israel, Memphis.

Fleishman

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eign rulers of this country. I believe and I was taught that Israel (totally) was the property of the Jews. Starting with Abraham and our forefathers...and from then on. Now and in the future.

"I was educated, I was trained and I believed, whether in the Palmach during my days in the Six Day War, or as a captain in the Israeli army that fought in Judea and Samaria.

"I believe that we have the right to and we must defend ourselves. By defending ourselves, it means even more, defeating the enemy. Throwing them out of the country is the most justified action our nation can take.

"I feel myself betrayed because for the first time in our national history, a central body of the Jewish nation, (it never happened before even during the worst period of destruction of Israel) the central body of the Jewish people has found reasons to say part of our country has another owner.

"I feel myself betrayed

Backalenick

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because this government of ours is conducting a policy that divided us in half. Not only the country but the people. This divides and destroys the very heart of Jewish heritage, Jewish history, the Jewish people, of our rights, our claims.

"The Jews of Russia, who are closer to 4 million than 2 million, they not only have the right but they must leave the Galut, Russia, and come to Israel.

"The same things I say to Jews of America and to Europe. Your home is not there! Your home is Here! If we do not stick to this belief, we lose the very ground of our existence. I speak as a witness.

"I'm afraid, because Israel will be what the PLO to this day believes, they are going to do. It is not that Israel will be completely eradicated, but because we are going to suffer terrible pains, calamity, terrorism, and political defeat worldwide because of this policy.

"I'm afraid because we are losing our claim to our rights in this country."

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• to serve as an advocate for existing programs and encourage new programs that promote Jewish identity;

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• to generate enthusiasm for continuity programs and thereby develop additional funding sources;

• to provide empirical evidence that community, congregational and agency resources must be directed to programs and services that create, promote and enhance Jewish continuity, identity and affiliation. At the conclusion of Phase II a report will be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation, which will provide information to aid in the transformation of the Jewish Community.

JEWISH COMMUNITY UNITED 2000

The next two years will be critical if the Commission's third goal is to be achieved: To transform the Jewish Community of Kansas City with the specific goal "reinventing" Jewish priorities from 1995-2000. This includes an intensive look at traditional community services and programs, measured by contemporary community needs along with model programs of Jewish Continuity, Identity and Affiliation. With the fulfillment of this goal the Kansas City Jewish Community will be positioned to insure that the largest possible num-

ber of Jews choose Judaism and Jewish involvement. Because of our efforts the Kansas City Jewish Community will have successfully fulfilled its sacred responsibility to insure that Jews choose to be Jewish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Wisnna, Chairperson

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are invited to embassy and consulate functions, and are extended full courtesies. No one preaches to them any more. Their children are treated warmly.

When Consul Paul Kedar sought to pioneer in this attitude in New York some years ago, local Zionists expressed surprise that he treated the ex-Israelis with such respect and cordiality. To which he responded, "Why do you complain about them? At least they tried — and you have not!"

Most of the m'hagrim maintain that some day they will indeed return home, and this may explain why ex-Israelis do not, in general, affiliate with local Jewish organizations, and take little part in American Jewish life. The consulates offer special facilities and inducements for those who wish to go back, and indeed the number of returnees is rising from year to year. C.A.

Social calendar

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Michael Jaspan. Her husband's great grandmother, Mrs. Harry Fischel, was one of the founders of YU and his great-grandfather was Harry Fischel for whom the Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies at YU's Bernard Revel Graduate School is named. Mr. Jaspan's great aunt, Mrs. Herbert Goldstein, served as president of YUWO, and many other Orthodox organizations. And Mr. and Mrs. Jaspan's cousin is Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, chief rabbi of Haifa. Photos of Mrs. Fischel and Mrs. Goldstein, 1924 founders of YUWO, appear reproduced in the commemorative journal given each guest. The Jaspans have three children.

Elaine Wolfe is married to Rabbi Ephraim Wolf, who is rabbi emeritus of the Great Neck Synagogue, and an alumnus of YU and RIETS. They have two sons and daughters-in-law: Rabbi Shimon and Hennie Wolf of Kew Gardens, N.Y., and Dr. David and Leah Wolf of Metar, Israel. There are 11 grandchildren. Both sons are alumni of YU High School and Yeshiva College; their wives are graduates of Stern College. Mrs. Wolf's granddaughter, Adina, is currently enrolled in a M.A. program at YU. Dr. Lamm quipped "This 'Lamm' is truly glad to be in the company of a 'Wolf,'" among other high praise.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Henryka Haberman of Manhattan and Long Beach. Jacob Haberman, her husband, is an attorney and an alumnus of Yeshiva College and RIETS. She received a B.A. degree in English literature and journalism but decided on a successful business career. She is a principal in a real estate concern. The couple are members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue in Manhattan and Lido Beach. They have two sons. Their son Steven chanted the Hamotzi.

Sima Ingerman and Fae Boczeko were luncheon co-chairmen. May the second "70" years bring similar joy to YU and its friends.



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Thoughts on Pilchik article on Kabbalah

Dear Rabbi Pilchik,

I applaud your methodology in seeking to bring to the attention of the readers of the Post and Opinion the subject of Kabbalah-Mysticism (Apr. 6). You need not apologize in any respect for this essay.

I should tell you that I am an 85-year-old student of Kabbalah and mysticism with a rather limited Talmudic education. You can thus understand why I read your article three times and made several copies to distribute among my friends. Your references were not new to me. I laud you for putting together in the restricted space available to you a set of "historical Jewish" facts which re-visits the old approaches to mystical supernatural experiences and conceptions. They certainly should play a role in Jewish life which every Jew should eclectically reckon with.

Secularism, rather than theosophy, seems to dominate the daily lives of most Americans. Mysticism appears as a joke subject left to the weird to explore. The wisdom of the sages and the traditions of our fathers have become extinct in a morass of spiritual disbelief.

I recognize that there still exists the controversy between science and rationality on one side, and metaphysics, spirituality and intuitive knowledge on the other side. Are they irreconcilable? Or does the prospect of a synthesis exist? It is in that context that I raise the following points as an adjunct to your excellent survey:

1. Is it time for mainstream Judaism to dispel the fraught-with-danger concept inherent in the study of mysticism, and encourage exploring the speculative mysteries of our existence?

2. Your survey seems to conclude with a focus on the effect of mysticism on our present day practices of the Hasidic Jew with little reference to the range of interest in mysticism and Kabbalah in Jews who can be found in every congregation and Jewish movement in varying degrees of interpretation and understanding, yet contemplative. Especially, I find the subject of interest to young Jews seeking a new sense of discovery

in spirituality.

3. You do not allude to extant of interest which mysticism and Kabbalah have in the belief in reincarnation (gilgul) and meditative practices.

4. It is my opinion that universal and Jewish mysticism offer the world a prescription for improved health. But even more important there exists a compatibility between universal and Jewish mysticism that creates the prospect for an improved understanding between the diverse theosophical differences which makes for a better world.

I hope you understand that my additional comments are intended only as an addendum to your thoughts that were included in your article.

May I have comments? Stay well, and continue to write. I always enjoy reading your articles in the Post & Opinion.
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Dalai Lama snub, was an honor-trip

Dear Editor,

No doubt, the Tibetan people and their cause for independence from China deserve a much better reception in the world community. Not one country recognizes the Dalai Lama's Dharmasala-based government-in-exile, and the United Nations has been silent when it comes to human rights in Tibet.

But when Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres declined to meet with the Dalai Lama during his recent visit to Israel, suddenly the Tibetan cause became the occasion for an outpouring of journalistic criticism of Israel. This spate of criticism is wrong for two reasons: First, the Dalai Lama was not "snubbed" by the Israeli government, as reported in many newspapers. Second, at approximately the same time, a much more serious "snub" of Tibetan rights took place in India, yet those in the media who claim to support Tibet chose to ignore the latter and focus on the former, which was trivial.

My first point is that the Dalai Lama was well-received in Israel. He received high honors from the

Hebrew University, met with a Cabinet minister, the Mayor of Jerusalem (who is a national figure in Israeli politics), the Chief Rabbi of Israel and numerous other dignitaries. Hardly a snub, although I, too, wish that Messrs. Rabin and Peres had met with the Dalai Lama. In fact, I was part of a delegation which in 1990 invited the Dalai Lama to Israel, and it was made clear to us that he would come only as a private citizen with no political status, and it was as such that he was received in Israel.

By focusing on this non-issue in Israel, a highly significant development in India was ignored. Days before his trip to Israel, a three-day World Parliamentarians Conference on Tibet was held in New Delhi. The Conference was to be composed of 100 members of parliaments from 35 nations, and its purpose was to evaluate China's claims to and occupation of Tibet.

The Indian government

not only prohibited the Dalai Lama from attending the Conference, but it denied visas to nearly half of the delegates. Now, that's a snub!

According to Indian press reports, a senior government minister told the Dalai Lama that his presence at the Conference would be "embarrassing" to India, and Samdhong Rinpoche, the Speaker of Tibet's Parliament-in-Exile said that "His Holiness [the Dalai Lama] never embarrassed the Indian government, so he decided not to come." George Fernandes, an opposition member of India's Parliament, charged that the government denied nearly 50 parliamentarians visas to enter India, thereby prohibiting them from attending. As British parliamentarian Lord Ennals summarized, "India once held the high moral ground on human rights. It is a tragedy that those days have gone... It is sad that India's name should appear supporting

China on human rights."

It seems that many American journalists are obsessed with Israel, so much so that the non-issue of an Israeli "snub" of the Dalai Lama takes precedence over the very serious matter of India's damaging policy. India is a country of nearly 900 million with a long border and historical ties with Tibet. India is therefore in a position to be enormously helpful to the cause of Tibetan independence. Israel, on the other hand, is a small country thousands of miles away with very little influence in the region. India's policy is much, much more significant for Tibet than Israel's.

One must wonder why this trivial Israeli "snub" merits so much indignation, while India's undermining the Tibetan cause receives only silence?

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Florida, where singles groups abound

By ROSE KLEINER

For singles south Florida can mean more than a great vacation. With its many singles groups this area is now a good place to meet people, to make contacts, and to network.

The following is a selection of groups meeting throughout south Florida. All the telephone numbers are for area code 305.

Singles + Singles is dedicated to helping Jewish singles meet Jewish singles. They sponsor two to three singles functions every month. To get on their mailing list call 962-9982.

South Florida Jewish Singles have dances, parties and buffet dinners throughout the year. For information call 893-5888.

The New Vanguard for Jewish Singles (23-40) provides opportunities for networking and meeting new people. For information about their monthly events call 460-2220.

The Jewish Culture Club is for singles, ages 30-55, who meet for various social activities and discussions. They have weekly discussion groups and a Book of the Month Club. For more information call Neil at 792-1436.

Jewish Single Professionals, 25-45, can join BEST (Bringing Elite Singles Together) for various activities (house parties, picnics, lounge nights, etc.). For details call 742-2113.

Singles looking for meaningful and enduring relationships can contact Aish HaTorah about their singles programs at 945-2155. "Torahside Chats" for singles (20-40) are informal lectures on topics of Jewish interest. They

are held Monday nights, at Project Heritage of Greater Miami, Bay Harbor Island (653-8953).

Singles will find superb oceanfront accommodation, all along the coast of south Florida, at greatly reduced rates, during the spring and summer. And some of the best hotels drop their rates by as much as 50 percent during this period.

No one should miss the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach. Already world famous, it has a power and majesty that overwhelm the visitor.

Among the other singles groups in south Florida, Encounters presents "fabulous dinner-dance parties" twice a month throughout the year. There are also complimentary buffets and drinks, music, prizes, entertainment and free parking (748-6981).

Beth El Solos, for Jewish singles 50 plus meet for a shabbat dinner on the third Friday of each month, in Boca Raton (395-2226). Fifty-plus Jewish and Single Again meets Sundays at the Jewish Community Center in Davie. For information call 434-0499.

Club Rendezvous, a new Jewish singles social and travel club (40-59), hosts parties, dances and trips. To get on the mailing list call 435-1185.

Jewish Singles-On-Stage meet in Coral Springs, Sunrise and Margate to try skits, songs, comedy and socializing. For details call 970-3541.

